

HOME-BASED EDUCATION

WHO TO CONTACT:

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Thompson School District R2-J
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HOW TO START:

1. Fill out the Thompson School District R2-J Notification of Intent to Home School (either online using [this form](http://www.thompsonschoools.org) or print out the paper form available on the district website at www.thompsonschoools.org) and mail/return to:
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2. Learn about the Colorado rules for home schooling (Colorado Revised Statutes 22-33-104.5 to 22-33-107 and board of education policies IKF and LB)
3. Select a curriculum
4. Teach

DISTRICT PROFICIENCY TESTS (REQUIRED FOR DIPLOMA):

All students must pass required proficiency tests in order to receive a Thompson School District diploma.

Students enrolled in home-based educational programs or other non-accredited schools may take the proficiency tests at the same time as public school students by:

- a. Notifying the district home school administrator who will notify the student of the time and place to report in order to take the proficiency tests. The students will be tested in one of the local high schools along with other public school students.
- b. Paying a fee of \$25.00 in advance to cover administrative and reporting costs.

ABOUT ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES (SENATE BILL-140):

Home schooled students are able to participate in R2-J athletic/activity programs if they meet State, Board of Education and Colorado High School Activities Association eligibility rules. The student must:

- a. NOT have been academically ineligible as a public school student within the past two years.
- b. Be certified by the high school as eligible in a consistent fashion with other students.
- c. Meet age, physical exam, semesters and course load performance requirements.
- d. Reside in the district or have an out-of-district waiver and league-state permission to compete.
- e. Pay the activity or athletic fee.

ABOUT BOOKS, CURRICULUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

The district provides NONE of the above for home schooled students. Curriculum guides for all

grades and all subjects are available at the public libraries in Berthoud and Loveland.

Textbooks are available from numerous companies and local bookstores.

ABOUT PART-TIME HOME, PART-TIME R2-J SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

Home schooled students may attend their neighborhood school part time. They must register as a student with the district and with the home school office.

Students who take one district course pay one-half the materials fee and the entire course fee (i.e., art, industrial science, computer).

Students who take half or more of the day's courses pay the full materials fee and all course fees.

Students who wish to take a course offered at more than one time during the day will be placed in the course section with the least number of students.

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